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REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's review of the specification, claims, and drawings. In light of the above amendments and following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application. The amendments and remarks presented herein are fully supported by the application as originally filed. No new matter has been entered.

DRAWINGS

The Examiner objects to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as failing to show every feature of the invention as specified in the claims.

Applicant submits herewith a proposed set of corrected drawings, which illustrate the described features claimed, for example, in Claims 9 and 10. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the objection to the drawings be reconsidered and withdrawn.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-11 and 13-26 are pending in the application.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS:

Claims 1, 3, and 5 are objected under 37 CFR 1.126 because of minor informalities.

Applicant has amended Claims 1, 3, and 5 to correct the claim terminology and, therefore, believe to have overcome the objection by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the claims.

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CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112:

The Examiner rejects Claims 9, 10, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Applicant respectfully traverses. Specifically, Applicant refers the Examiner to page 7, paragraph 13, which describes that the cam of the change over valve is preferably supported along its whole periphery on the inner housing wall. This paragraph has been amended to refer to FIG. 3A, which is submitted herein to illustrate the claimed feature described in the referenced paragraph.

Further, the Examiner is referred to page 11, paragraph 4, which describes the circumferential external seal, now numbered 15c and now shown in FIG. 3C. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed features of Claims 9 and 10 are fully supported by the application as originally filed and now are illustrated in the attached FIGS. 3A-3C. Applicant has cancelled Claim 12, not for lack of support, which is provided on page 10, but as being unnecessary.

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has amended Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 17, 18, 20-23, and 25 to clarify the claimed invention, which are now believed to overcome the 112 rejections by the Examiner.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph, rejection of the claims and solicit a Notice of Allowance of all claims, namely Claims 1-11 and 13-26.

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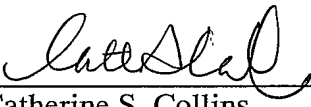
Should the Examiner have any questions or suggestions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (616) 975-5506 or at collins@vglb.com.

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